

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 343

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Angie Graves on her selection as Westmoreland Middle School Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Angie Graves is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Graves has recently been selected as Teacher of the Year by the faculty of Westmoreland Middle School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the honor of being her school's Teacher of the Year and the opportunity to vie for Sumner County Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Graves will receive free dance lessons from John Ford's Portland Ballroom; and

WHEREAS, now in her sixteenth year of teaching, Mrs. Graves has served as a math teacher at Westmoreland for most of her career; she began teaching at Lakeside Park Elementary in Hendersonville; and

WHEREAS, Angie Graves is quick to cite as inspirations the positive examples of good teaching that she herself encountered as a young student; she was attracted to the profession in part by such figures; and

WHEREAS, a humble and gracious individual, she also insists that many of her colleagues at Westmoreland Middle deserve the award at least as much as she does; Mrs. Graves even speculated that a voting mishap may have resulted in her winning the accolade; and

WHEREAS, she is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Angie Graves truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Mrs. Graves is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship she shares with her husband, Jason Graves, the Westmoreland's boys' basketball coach; and

WHEREAS, Angie Graves truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Angie Graves on being chosen as Teacher of the Year at Westmoreland Middle School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.